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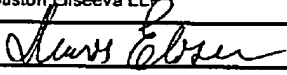
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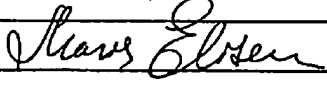
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Sir:

In response to the pending Office Action, mailed February 26, 2007 (Paper No. 20070020), please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

-amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims in section a);

Finally, reconsideration is requested in view of the remarks set forth in section b).

A one month extension of time is requested with this response. The corresponding fee should be charged to our deposit account 502233.